

REMARKS

Claims 4-13 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claims 4-12 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miyakawa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,708,401). Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Foster, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,151,147). Claim 4 has been amended to independent form to include the limitations of opening a mold and closing the mold to clamp and to cover the insert component with the tubular resinous material. Foster discloses an extrusion die 22 which is a stationary die and thus it does not open or close.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 4, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 5-8, which ultimately depend from Claim 4, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyakawa, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,708,401). Claim 9 has been amended to independent form to include the limitations of opening a first mold and closing the first mold. In

addition, the limitation of forming the resinous material having an interior space with one open end and one closed end. Miyakawa, et al. discloses a cylindrical film 3 having two open ends. The electronic components are inserted into the cylinder which is then heat sealed. Thus, Miyakawa, et al. does not disclose forming the resinous material having an interior space with one open end and one closed end. In addition, Miyakawa, et al. does not disclose opening and closing a mold.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 9, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 10-13, which ultimately depend from Claim 10, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

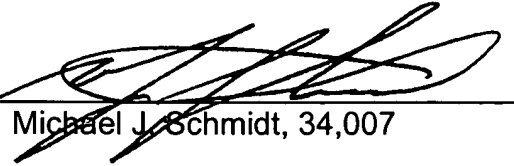
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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